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Stated Meeting, December 21, 1888.

Present, 24 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows :

A letter from M. Tommaso Caunizzaro, Messina, acknowledging receipt of diploma.

A letter from the University of Cambridge, England, in reference to "the important project" of the Convention, proposed by the Society, to frame an international language.

Letters of envoy were received from the Musée Guimet, Paris, and K. Akademie der Wissenschaften, Berlin.

Letters of acknowledgment were received for Proceedings, No. 127, from Prof. J. S. Newberry, New York; Academy of Sciences (also, Transactions XVI, ii), New York City, and Prof. J. P. Lesley, Philadelphia.

Accessions to the Library were received from the K. Akademie der Wissenschaften, Wien; Dr. Adolph Bastian, Berlin; Verein für Lübeckische Geschichte und Alterthumskunde, Lübeck; Société de Physique et d'Histoire Naturelle, Genève; Société Hollandaise des Sciences, Harlem; Société d'Émulation, Abbeville; Société d'Histoire et d'Archéologie, Chalon-sur-Saône; Alliance Scientifique Universelle, Sociétés d'Anthropologie, and de Géographie, Marquis de Nadaillac, Paris; Société Historique, Littéraire, Artistique et Scientifique du Cher, Bourges; R. Academia de la Historia, Madrid; Dr. B. W. Richardson, London; Philosophical Society of Glasgow; Peabody Museum, Cambridge, Mass.; Yale University, New Haven; Messrs. Philip C. Garrett, Thomas Hockley, Henry Phillips, Jr., Philadelphia; Pennsylvania Geological Survey, Harrisburg; Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore; United States National Museum, Bureau of Education, Washington; Georgia Historical Society, Savannah; Academy of Sciences, St. Louis; Dr. Antonio Peñafiel, México.

A biographical sketch of the late Thomas U. Walter, by Mr. Joseph M. Wilson, was read.

The death of Dr. Caspar Wister (December 20, 1888, æt. 71) was announced, and, on motion, the President was authorized to appoint a suitable person to prepare the usual obituary notice.

This being the evening for balloting for candidates for membership, the pending nominations Nos. 1181 and 1182 were read and spoken to and voted upon.

The following communication from Mr. Aubrey H. Smith was read :

“In Boott’s illustrations of the genus *Carex*, we have *Carex miliaris Michaux*, figured from the original specimens of *Michaux*, preserved in the Herbarium Richard, at the Jardin des Plantes, Paris. Boott says : ‘This species is the only one of those described by Michaux which has not been satisfactorily ascertained by recent observers.’ Mr. Charles E. Smith and I collected a *Carex* on the gravel bars of the Kennebec river, at the outlet of Moosehead lake, in the years 1865 and 1867, which was thought by Gray to be *C. miliaris* (see Manual, ed. 5, 1867). C. E. Smith afterwards found it in other places on Moosehead lake. I collected it about 1872 on the gravel bars of Marguerite river and Lake St. John, Lower Canada. My specimens agree with the engraved figure in Boott, and were submitted to T. C. Porter and Olney, and by them recognized as *Carex miliaris*.”

Dr. D. G. Brinton read a paper on the *Tai-Ki* and the Swastika in America.

A paper by Dr. W. J. Hoffmann (Washington, D. C.), entitled “Grammatic Notes and Vocabulary of the Pennsylvania German Dialect,” was presented through the Secretaries.

On motion, the Secretaries were authorized to print the same in the Proceedings of the Society if so desired by them.

Prof. Lesley presented a paper entitled “Description of New Species of Fossils from the Clinton, Lower Helderberg, Chemung and Waverly groups,” by George B. Simpson.

On motion, the paper of G. B. Simpson was referred to a special committee of three, to be appointed by the President at his leisure, to examine for the Transactions. (Subsequently the President appointed Messrs. Lesley, Horn and Heilprin as such committee.)

The Committee on Finance reported that it had examined the Annual Report of the Treasurer, submitted at the last meeting, and that it was correct, and would report on the appropriations at the next meeting.

The Committee on the Library recommended that the works of reference in the Society's Hall be not permitted to be removed; that, in its opinion, the other books should be loaned as heretofore.

On motion, the recommendations were adopted.

The Committee on the Codex-Poinsett reported progress, and, on motion, was continued.

On motion of Mr. Vaux, the Society reconsidered Section 12 of the Report of the Committee on the Henry M. Phillips' Prize Essay Fund so that it should read as follows:

Twelfth. A Standing Committee, to consist of five members and the President and the Treasurer of the Society, shall be appointed by the President, which shall continue in office during the pleasure of the Society, and any vacancies that may occur in said Committee shall be filled by new appointment by the President.

The motion was put to a vote and adopted unanimously.

The Tellers reported, after a scrutiny of the ballots, that the following candidates had been duly elected members of the Society, viz.:

No. 2154. Arthur Biddle, Philadelphia.

No. 2155. Il Marchese Antonio dè Gregorio, Palermo.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.